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THE CASE OF GEORGE EVELYN OF *Wotton*, in the County of *Surrey*, Esq;

George Evelyn having one Daughter and Three Grand-Daughters (the Children of his Eldest Son Deceased) but no Issue Male living; did by his Deed in the Year 1692. voluntarily settle his Estate of near Two Thousand Pounds *per Annum* Value, to the use of Himself for Life, without Impeachment of wast, with Remainder to his Brother *John Evelyn*, and the Heirs Male of his Body, with Remainder to *John Evelyn* (Son of the said *John*) and the Heirs Male of his Body, and for default of such Issue, to the use of Himself, his Heirs and Assigns.

In which Settlement, the full Intention and Design of the said *George Evelyn*, was to preserve the Premises, after his own Decease, to his Brother and his Issue Male; but upon failure of such Issue Male, that the same should assuredly Revert to his own right Heirs.

And the said *George Evelyn* trusting and depending that his Brother and Nephew would not take any advantage from the said voluntary Settlement, further than was intended thereby, and relying upon their Fidelity and Gratitude therein, did not (as in Caution he might have done) reserve to himself, in the said Settlement, any Power of Revocation; nor did restrain the uses to first, second, or other Sons of his Brother in Tayl (as the Course is to do in the like Cases) whereby to hinder their destroying the said Settlement; of which they taking advantage (as the said *George Evelyn* hath now lately discovered) intend, after his Decease, to suffer a Recovery of the Premises to barr the said Reversion to his own Right Heirs, which being contrary to his intention, he hath desired his said Brother to joyn with him in such a new Settlement, as may effectually secure the said Reversion to his right Heirs, after his Decease, according to his true intention. But the said *John Evelyn* refusing to comply therewith, and designing to take advantage of the said Settlement (though voluntary) to defeat his right Heirs of the said Reversion.

Therefore the said *George Evelyn* beseecheth the Right Honourable The Lords Spiritual and Temporal, to give leave for the bringing in a Bill, for the [redacted] setling and securing his Estate, according to his Intentions in the said Deed of Settlement (*viz.*) after his own Decease, to his Brother and his Son, and their several Sons successively in Tayl Male, in such manner, that upon failure of such Issue Male, the Premises may revert to the said *George Evelyn*'s own right Heirs, without any Power of his Brother, or his Son to barr the same.